***F IGHT in Verona………Two KILLED!!!!! Written By: Emily Gray***

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Last Tuesday a fight broke out in Verona streets between the Capulets and the Montagues. It is confirmed that two are dead; Tybalt Capulet and Mercutio Escalus. Sources say the two young teens engaged in battle when Romeo Montague refused Tybalt’s attempts to fight, leaving Mercutio Escalus to take up the challenge in his friend’s name. Family and friends arrived on the scene after the fight.

Benvolio Montague was on the scene when the fight started. He told us the whole story. It seems Tybalt Capulet arrived in Verona streets looking to do battle with young Romeo Montague. When Romeo refused his good friend Mercutio took up arms. Sources say that Romeo and Benvolio tried to stop the fight, Romeo even going to the point of stepping right in between the two men trying to reason with them. Tybalt then slashed Mercutio under Romeo’s arm and took off running. Sadly, Mercutio Escalus died shortly after his wounds.

We were then told surprisingly that Tybalt Capulet came back to the scene still looking for a fight with Romeo, since that was his first inclination. Romeo, crushed over his friend’s death, took up arms and the two dueled to the death. This time it was Tybalt Capulet who fell and Romeo Montague who fled the scene.

Family and friends came onto the scene shortly after the battle along with the Prince of Verona. The Prince was tremendously upset to see another fight take place in Verona streets but also for the fact that one of his close family members, Mercutio Escalus, died here on this very ground. Other family members of both the Capulets and Montagues grieved for the dead young Tybalt and the soon to be dead Romeo Montague. When asked what the Prince should do about the situation, the grieving aunt of Tybalt Capulet, Lady Capulet, had no trouble finding her voice. She says, “Romeo slew Tybalt; Romeo must not live!” Lady Capulet even went so far as to say that Benvolio’s telling of the story was false. She exclaimed, “He is a kinsman to a Montague; affection makes him false, he speaks not true.” The Prince, knowing that Benvolio has a reputation for telling the truth and distressed over the situation excused the death penalty for Romeo and further made the punishment banishment.